

ACORN 2012

DarwinNT

FIFTEENTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE



REGISTRATION BROCHURE

23 - 26 MAY 2012

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DARWIN IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Benefits of Registering:

Education & International networking opportunities

Sign off a large number of your professional CPD hours for the year

Opening Ceremonies

The Judith Cornell Oration

AGM and Member Forum

Educational Master Classes

Special Interest Focus Groups

Pink Glove Breakfast

The Welcome Cocktail Reception

The Conference Gala Dinner

TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES: DARE TO BE DIVERSE

Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia

INVITATION from the Conference Convenor

ACORN Executive Committee

Tracy Kerle	Conference Convenor Honorary Secretary
Vicky Warwick	President
Rob McCann	Honorary Treasurer
Stephen Born	Executive Officer

ACORN 2012 Conference Committee

Avril Brown	Committee
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Geraldine Keogh	Committee
Kerry Rodgers	Committee
Elissa Shaw	Committee



As your conference convenor I have the great honour of inviting you to join us at the 15th National Conference of the Australian College of Operating Room Nurses, to be held at the Darwin Convention Centre Northern Territory May 2012.

Within the health care system there are many boundaries that define how we as practitioners work within the many laws and regulations and cultural and spiritual boundaries that govern our practice. These can be widely diverse across our states and territories which provide multiple challenges for the delivery of safe and effective care. These challenges fostered the development of the theme for the 2012 conference "Territorial boundaries - Dare to be Diverse" which I am sure will inspire many of us to get our thinking caps on and look outside the square.

Perioperative nurses are very resourceful and by utilising their wealth of knowledge, develop many inventive ways to overcome these challenges we face. Our conference will showcase some of these ideas and look at how we as practitioners work within these boundaries and the challenges they present.

Our Keynote Speakers include Brennon Dowrick Australia's most successful gymnast, Sam Cawthorn who has overcome many personal challenges and Graeme Bowman who will stimulate your mind and will be sure to motivate us all. Our speakers will cover many different topics that I am certain will be of interest to all. This time we have done something different and introduced the idea of Master Classes where our Partners in Health & Education will offer many different educational sessions and give practitioners hands on sessions to support practice. We are also lucky to have access to a laser course and other pre conference workshops as well. The Medline breakfast is also something not to be missed and you just don't know who you might meet.

The prestigious Judith Cornell Oration will be held on Wednesday afternoon honouring a Perioperative Nurse who has made an outstanding contribution to Perioperative Nursing in Australia. Following the investiture of the new Fellows to the college there will be the official opening of the Partners in Health & Education Precinct and our traditional Cocktail Party. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Partners in Health & Education who have graciously supported our Conference and our major sponsors who have helped to make this conference possible.

The conference dinner will be held at Skycity where we can watch the famous Northern Territory sunset and then enjoy a wonderful night of fun and entertainment. I am pleased to announce the dinner theme for 2012 will be "Priscilla Queen of the Desert" which I am certain will fit in well with our theme and be a wonderful opportunity to catch up with all. I look forward to seeing the glitter and glam our delegates and Partners in Health & Education will be wearing.

So start getting yourself ready and come and learn what your colleagues have been doing and get ready for having heaps of fun in one of Australia's most picturesque places to visit.

Tracy Kerle
 2012 ACORN Conference Convenor

NEW IN 2012

Master Class Education Areas:

Medline
 Big Green Surgical
 Johnson & Johnson Medical

Run concurrently in the Partners in
 Health and Education Precinct
 maximum class size:
 30 participants

IMPORTANT DATES

CLOSING DATE for EARLY Registration
 Friday 13 April 2012

CLOSING DATE for NORMAL Registration
 Tuesday 08 May 2012

WELCOME from the ACORN President

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Welcome to Darwin and the 15th Biennial ACORN Conference Territorial Boundaries: Dare to be diverse. The ACORN Conference committee have worked hard to put together a diverse, educational and thought provoking conference program for you to digest and dare to be diverse when choosing the streams you would like to attend.

The subjects chosen should help to enhance your knowledge base and give you further insight into what is happening across Australia in regards to perioperative practice.

Going greener is a very hot topic these days and with the amount of one use items that are being utilised within our area today there is more information required on how we can recycle and help protect our environment, we hope that you get something out of these sessions and are able to use the information in your Health Care Facility.

Stephen Born our Executive Officer has worked hard in implementing a new component to the conference called Master Classes. Our industry partners have chosen a great opportunity to educate perioperative nurses on how their products work and educate you on how they affect perioperative practice. A great educational opportunity for all our delegates.

It is great to see that even in this precarious financial market that our industry partners are still supporting us and attending our National Conference. The Board cannot thank them enough for their support.

Darwin is a beautiful place with many spectacular gorges, ranges and sunsets to see. I hope that you all enjoy the conference and are able to take something new away with you when you leave. If you can join us for our spectacular gala dinner under the stars I am sure you will have a night to remember.

From all of us on the ACORN Board, enjoy the conference.

Vicky Warwick
ACORN President

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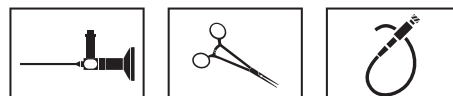
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KEYNOTE PRESENTERS



Brennon Dowrick - Opening Keynote Presenter
Thursday 24 May

Brennon Dowrick is one of Australia's most successful gymnasts. He has represented Australia at two Olympic games, three Commonwealth Games and seven World Championships. Brennon was Australia's first ever gymnastics Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist in 1990, a feat he repeated in 1994. He also was Australia's first Olympic Games finalist at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games.



Graeme Bowman - Keynote Presenter
Friday 25 May

Graeme Bowman has many years experience as a master of ceremonies and speaker. He is a Lateral Thinking Trainer accredited by the De Bono Institute. Based in Melbourne, Australia, Graeme's work often takes him interstate and he has also appeared in New Zealand, Bali, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, China and the USA. Graeme speaks about a wide range of topics from humorous to Inspirational and Creative, there is never a dull moment.



Sam Cawthorn - Closing Keynote Presenter
Saturday 26 May

Sam is the CEO for Empowering Enterprises and has been featured in USA Today and the New York Times. He is also a State Winner for the 2009 Young Australian of the Year.

In October 2006 Sam's life changed forever when he was involved in a major car accident, where he was pronounced dead. He was thankfully resuscitated, but left with an amputated right arm and a permanent disability in his right leg. A year later he defied all odds taking his first steps into a new life, where his story would continue to INSPIRE. Sam walks his talk, and it is through his experience that his authentic message is heard. After all we only have one life...

Conference Highlights

Big Green Surgical

Kay Ball, Past President, AORN Associate Professor, Nursing Otterbein University, Westerville, OH, USA. Kay is a nurse educator and consultant who served as chairwoman of AORN's Smoke Evacuation Task

Force from 2007 to 2009. Kay is the author of **Lasers: The Perioperative Challenge** along with many chapters and articles on surgical and nursing issues.

N Stenning & Co

Penny Smalley R.N., CMLSO, Course Lecturer. Penny is an independent nurse consultant working in the field of laser technology and safety since 1980. She also assists the industry with clinical product development, sales training, and a variety of related services.

Mindworks

Possibility Thinking & Maintaining the Balance

A practical workshop focusing on PROCESS and the ways to engage and excite learners. Participants will learn how to engage the audience, excite them to learn and retain energy levels while ensuring long term retention of subject matter through hands-on and fun, proven methods of imparting knowledge.

Additional fee to attend - \$175.00

JUDITH CORNELL ORATION

The Judith Cornell Oration serves as an occasion of celebration for the achievements of Australian perioperative nurses and allows for future visions to be shared. The Judith Cornell Orators are distinguished perioperative nurses who throughout their careers, have made a significant contribution to advancing perioperative nursing in Australia.

ACORN Stole

Academic Dress is optional for the Judith Cornell Oration. ACORN Stoles are available for sale to members at \$110 each. Please complete the purchase details section on the registration form. Stoles will be available for collection from the ACORN Stand in the exhibition area.

Gown Hire

Black Academic Gown hire for the Judith Cornell Oration is available at a cost of \$60 per gown. Please complete the hire details section on the registration form. Gowns will be available for collection from the registration desk.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Wednesday 23 May

0830 - 1800	Registration
0900 - 1230	Mindworks Pre Conference Workshop - "Possibility Thinking & Maintaining the Balance"
0900 - 1230	N Stenning & Co and Covidien Pre Conference Workshops
1300 - 1400	ACORN Newcomers Information Session
1400 - 1600	ACORN 2012 AGM and Open Forum
1600 - 1630	Afternoon Refreshments
1630 - 1800	Judith Cornell Oration and Investiture of Fellows
1800 - 2000	Welcome Reception and Official Opening of the <i>Partners in Health and Education Precinct</i>

Thursday 24 May

0630 - 0830	Medline Pink Breakfast
0830 - 0900	Welcome and Opening Ceremony
0900 - 0945	Keynote Welcome - Brennon Dowrick
0945 - 1015	Morning Refreshments - <i>Partners in Health and Education Precinct</i>
1015 - 1200	Concurrent Sessions 1 / Master Classes
1200 - 1430	Lunch Break - <i>Partners in Health and Education Precinct</i>
1430 - 1545	Concurrent Sessions 2 / Master Classes
1545 - 1630	Special Interest Sessions

Friday 25 May

0830 - 0945	Keynote Address - Graeme Bowman
0945 - 1015	Morning Refreshments - <i>Partners in Health and Education Precinct</i>
1015 - 1200	Concurrent Sessions 3 / Master Classes
1200 - 1430	Lunch Break - <i>Partners in Health and Education Precinct</i>
1430 - 1545	Concurrent Sessions 4 / Master Classes
1545 - 1630	Special Interest Sessions
1900	Conference Gala Dinner - Skycity Darwin

Saturday 26 May

0830 - 0945	Keynote Address - Sam Cawthorn
0945 - 1015	Morning Refreshments - <i>Partners in Health and Education Precinct</i>
1015 - 1200	Concurrent Sessions 5 / Master Classes
1200 - 1430	Lunch Break - <i>Partners in Health and Education Precinct</i>
1430 - 1545	Concurrent Sessions 6
1545 - 1600	Closing Ceremony

SOCIAL PROGRAM

Wednesday 23 May

Judith Cornell Oration &
Investiture of Fellows

Darwin Convention Centre

1630 - 1800

The Judith Cornell Oration serves as an occasion of celebration for the achievements of Australian perioperative nurses and allows for future visions to be shared. The Judith Cornell Orators are distinguished perioperative nurses who throughout their careers, have made a significant contribution to advancing perioperative nursing in Australia.

The Oration is included in full and student registrations.

Guest Tickets @ \$110 (inc. GST)

Wednesday 23 May

Welcome Reception & Official
Opening of the Partners in Health
& Education Precinct

Darwin Convention Centre

1800 - 2000

Please join us for a special opportunity to renew old acquaintances or make some new friends while viewing the comprehensive Partners in Health & Education Precinct.

The Reception is included in full and student registrations.

Guest Tickets @ \$90 (inc. GST)

Friday 25 May

Conference Dinner & Excellence
in Perioperative Nursing Award

Skycity Darwin - 1900 - late

This premier function provides an opportunity for all participants to join together in an informal social setting. The dinner will include fine wines, music and entertainment and will be a memorable night for all. The theme of the dinner is 'Priscilla Queen of the Desert.' We encourage you to come dressed for an evening of fun! During the dinner we will be presenting the Excellence in Perioperative Nursing Award.

Guest Tickets @ \$125 (inc. GST)

Registration Desk

The registration desk, located in the Central Foyer of the Darwin Convention Centre will open each day of the conference from 0800 for the collection of delegate kits and general assistance.

Poster Presentations

Posters will be on display throughout the conference. Poster presenters will be available for discussion during the tea and coffee breaks. The organising committee welcomes further poster presentations for display. Poster Dimensions: 1m(h) x 750mm(w)

Newsletter

Daily Newsletters will be available from the ACORN Stand in the Partners in Health and Education Precinct and also from the registration desk in the Central Foyer.

Theme of the Dinner 'Priscilla Queen of the Desert'



PARTNERS IN HEALTH & EDUCATION PRECINCT

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The Partners in Health & Education Precinct is an integral part of the ACORN Conference and has been well-supported again in 2012. The exhibition will open from 1800 - 2000 on Wednesday 23 May for the Welcome Reception following the Judith Cornell Oration and from 0830 - 1630 each day of the conference. Delegates are encouraged to visit the exhibition to examine and evaluate the new equipment, products, instruments and services on display.

Exhibiting Companies

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2012 ACORN 15th National Conference

Flight Centre Group Travel would like to assist you. Please mention your conference code: 2012 ACORN
Special airfares are available - Book early to avoid disappointment please contact Vanessa Newman

Contact Vanessa at Flight Centre Group Travel
Phone: 07 3161 3878 / email: vanessa.newman@flightcentre.com.au

DELEGATE REGISTRATION

PERSONAL DETAILS

A separate registration must be completed for each delegate. Please print clearly.

For ease and efficiency register securely online using Taylored Images Interactive at
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Alternatively complete the following four pages, detach, make a copy and fax to Taylored Images +61 7 3366 5170

Membership Details: ACORN MEMBER ACORN NON MEMBER

ACORN Local Association: NSWOTA VPNG ORNA SAPNA PNAQ TORN NTPN

Title : Assoc. Prof. Prof. Dr Mr Mrs Ms Miss

Hospital / Organisation: _____

Family Name: _____ Given Name: _____

Preferred Name for Name Badge: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone: Work () _____ A / H: () _____

Facsimile: Work () _____ Mobile: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Details:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Contact Telephone: _____

I do not wish my personal details included in the conference participants list (Please refer to privacy policy)

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Please indicate person's name and specify their dietary requirement

Name: _____ Dietary Requirement: _____

Name: _____ Dietary Requirement: _____

Is 2012 the first ACORN National Conference you have attended? Yes No

How did you first hear about the 2012 ACORN National Conference? ACORN Journal / Advertising / Website / Work
 Colleagues

ADDITIONAL TICKETS

Welcome Reception # Additional Tickets _____ @ \$90.00 (Included in Fulltime and Student Registrations)

Judith Cornell Oration # Additional Tickets _____ @ \$110.00 (Included in Fulltime and Student Registrations)

Conference Dinner Ticket # Additional Tickets _____ @ \$125.00 (Included in Fulltime and Student Registrations)

Lunch # Additional Tickets _____ @ \$58.00 Thursday Friday Saturday

ACADEMIC GOWNS

Academic Gown Hire @ \$60.00 Small Medium Large

ACORN Stole @ \$110.00 Small Medium Large

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS (One ticket for the Welcome Reception, Judith Cornell Oration & Conference Dinner is included in the
 fulltime and student registration)

Judith Cornell Oration Attending Not Attending

Welcome Reception Attending Not Attending

Conference Dinner Attending Not Attending

DELEGATE REGISTRATION



Fulltime Registration	Fee \$AUD	Inclusions
Member - Early Registration On / before Fri 13 April	\$850.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Attendance at all Conference Sessions Welcome Reception Morning / Afternoon Refreshments & Lunch Daily as per Program Judith Cornell Oration Conference Polo Shirt (Subject to Sponsorship) Conference Satchel Conference Handbook Conference Dinner
Member - Normal Registration After Fri 13 April	\$950.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Member - Late Registration After Tues 8 May	\$1,050.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Non-Member - Early Registration On / before Fri 13 April	\$950.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Non-Member - Normal Registration After Fri 13 April	\$1,050.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Non-Member - Late Registration After Tues 8 May	\$1,150.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Student - Fulltime Registration Student ID Required	\$770.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	
ACORN Speaker Complimentary Day Registration <i>Only for accepted abstract & poster presentations</i>	\$0.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Attendance at Conference Sessions on day of presentation Morning / Afternoon Refreshments & Lunch on day of presentation Conference Satchel Conference Handbook
ACORN Member Speaker Full Registration <i>Only for accepted abstract presentations</i>	\$500.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Attendance at all Conference Sessions Welcome Reception Morning / Afternoon Refreshments & Lunch Daily as per Program Judith Cornell Oration Conference Polo Shirt (Subject to Sponsorship) Conference Satchel Conference Handbook Conference Dinner
ACORN Non-Member Speaker Full Registration <i>Only for accepted abstract presentations</i>	\$600.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	

Partime Registration	Thur	Fri	Sat	Fee \$AUD	Inclusions
Day Registration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$350.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Attendance at all Conference Sessions on selected day Morning / Afternoon Refreshments & Lunch on selected day Conference Satchel Conference Handbook
Mindworks Workshop Possibility Thinking & Maintaining the Balance				\$175.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Attendance at Mindworks Workshop on Wednesday 23 May

Pre Conference Half Day Workshops - Wednesday 23 May 2012

	Preference #1	Preference #2	Wednesday Workshops are concurrent and included for Fulltime and Student delegates (Subject to min/max numbers). Please indicate your workshop preferences 1-2. Preferences will be allocated on a first come first served basis.
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DELEGATE REGISTRATION

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation IS required

Accommodation is NOT required

HOTEL CANCELLATION POLICY

A credit card guarantee must be provided with your registration to guarantee accommodation. Your credit card number will be passed to the accommodation venue as guarantee of your booking.

As per all hotel terms and conditions any accommodation cancellations made after Friday 20 April 2012 will be subject to a cancellation fee of 100% of the total accommodation cancelled (including no shows). Reservations made after this date will be subject to availability at the best rate of the day.

It is essential all accommodation bookings / amendments / cancellations are forwarded to Taylored Images. Taylored Images do not charge your card for accommodation. Payment for accommodation is finalized on departure direct with the accommodation venue.

CROWNE PLAZA DARWIN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Superior Room | \$285.00 per night (includes 1 breakfast) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Superior Room Twin Share | \$305.00 per night (includes 2 breakfasts) |

MEDINA GRAND DARWIN WATERFRONT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Premier Studio Room | \$326.00 per night (includes 1 breakfast) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Bedroom Premier Apartment | \$376.00 per night (includes 1 breakfast) |

MANTRA ON THE ESPLANADE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Bedroom | \$270.00 per night (includes 1 breakfast) |
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MANTRA PANDANAS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Bedroom | \$270.00 per night (includes 1 breakfast) |
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NOVOTEL DARWIN ATRIUM

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Standard Room | \$306.00 per night (includes 1 breakfast) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Standard Room Twin Share | \$322.00 per night (includes 2 breakfasts) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Superior Room | \$326.00 per night (includes 1 breakfast) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Superior Room Twin Share | \$342.00 per night (includes 2 breakfasts) |

SKYCITY DARWIN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Deluxe King | \$240.00 per night |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deluxe Family | \$240.00 per night |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deluxe King Ocean View | \$270.00 per night |

VIBE HOTEL DARWIN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Guest Room | \$306.00 per night (includes 1 breakfast) |
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If you are twin sharing please indicate the name of the person with whom you are sharing:

DELEGATE REGISTRATION



ACCOMMODATION cont.

Date of Arrival: _____ / May 2012

Date of Departure: _____ / May 2012

Special Requests

Non Smoking

Twin Beds

Early Check In

Other _____

Disabled Facilities

Lower Level Preferred

Late Check out

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional requests and information that will assist in processing your registration

OPTIONAL LEISURE ACTIVITIES / TOURS

Kakadu National Park \$240.00

Kathrine Gorge & Edith Falls \$209.00

Jumping Crocodile Cruise Tour \$126.00

Litchfield National Park \$135.00

Northern Territory Wildlife Park \$119.00

PAYMENT DETAILS

Registration \$ _____

Optional Activities \$ _____

Additional Tickets \$ _____

Bookings & Amendments made after Friday 20 April 2012 \$33.00

TOTAL PAYMENT \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD

Please Note: International Delegates, payment by CREDIT CARD ONLY

Please forward Invoice for Payment. Please make invoice out to: _____

Cheque made payable to: "12 ACORN" for the sum of AUD\$ _____ for registration fees and social functions.

Credit card: for the sum of AUD\$ _____ for registration fees, Optional Activities and Additional Costs

Credit Card: Amex MasterCard Visa Diners

Cardholder's Name: _____ Expiry Date ____/____

Card Number: _____

CVV (Credit Card Validation Value) : _____ This is a 3 or 4 digit code embossed or imprinted on the reverse side of visa and MasterCard and on the front of American Express cards

Cardholder Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

ACCOMMODATION



Crowne Plaza Darwin

Crowne Plaza Darwin is in the vibrant heart of Darwin, overlooking Darwin Harbour, just metres from Bicentennial Park and the Esplanade. The bustling Smith Street Mall is 5 minutes' walk away.

The Crowne Plaza Darwin is just a 5 minute drive from the Convention Centre.

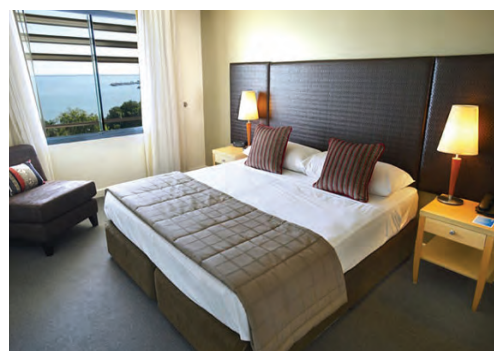
Superior Room	\$285.00 per night (includes 1 breakfast)
Superior Room Twin Share	\$305.00 per night (includes 2 breakfast)

Mantra on the Esplanade

Mantra on the Esplanade offers guests an unrivalled location near Darwin Harbour and the convenience of close proximity to Darwin's CBD. The 4 1/2 star property boasts panoramic views across the harbour, out to the Arafura Sea and presents the ideal vantage point from which to experience a famous Northern Territory sunset.

Mantra on the Esplanade is just a 4 minute drive from the Convention Centre.

1 Bedroom	\$270.00 per night (includes 1 breakfast)
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Mantra Pandanas

Located in the heart of Darwin, Mantra Pandanas combines sophisticated city chic with Darwin's famous laid back, tropical culture, making this property an ideal base for your Darwin business trip or accommodation choice for the perfect holiday escape. Offering 336 studio, hotel, one and two bedroom apartment style rooms, Mantra Pandanas is supremely appointed with modern contemporary décor and luxury amenities.

Mantra Pandanas is just a 4 minute drive from the Convention Centre.

1 Bedroom	\$270.00 per night (includes 1 breakfast)
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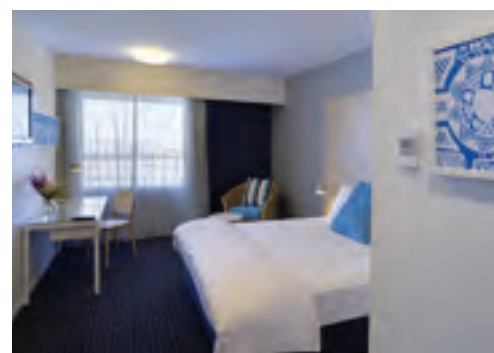


Vibe Hotel Darwin

Winner of the 2009 HM Award's "Best New Hotel", Vibe Hotel Darwin Waterfront is located in Darwin's Waterfront, on the fringe of Darwin CBD and is perfectly positioned to explore Darwin's newest restaurants, boutique shops and seafront promenade.

The Vibe Hotel Darwin is just a 1 minute drive or 4 minute walk from the Convention Centre.

Guest Room	\$306.00 per night (includes 1 breakfast)
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ACCOMMODATION CONTINUED



Medina Grand Darwin Waterfront

Medina Grand Darwin Waterfront offers 121 studios and one bedroom apartments incorporating the Medina qualities of apartment accommodation, space, style and home conveniences. The one bedroom apartments feature separate living and sleeping areas, a fully equipped kitchen and laundry and a grocery delivery service.

The Medina Grand Darwin Waterfront is just a 1 minute drive or 4 minute walk from the Convention Centre.

Premier Studio Room	\$326.00 per night (includes 1 breakfast)
1 Bedroom Premier Apartment	\$376.00 per night (includes 1 breakfast)

Novotel Darwin Atrium

Novotel Darwin Atrium is conveniently located in the city centre, overlooking Darwin Harbour. This 4 star hotel is a short stroll from the Mitchell Street dining and entertainment precinct and is equally suited for business trips and holidays. Boasting 140 spacious rooms Novotel Darwin Atrium features a magnificent tropical indoor rainforest, complete with cascading vines and palm trees.

The Novotel Darwin is just a 4 minute drive from the Convention Centre.

Standard Room	\$306.00 per night (includes 1 breakfast)
Standard Room Twin Share	\$322.00 per night (includes 2 breakfast)
Superior Room	\$326.00 per night (includes 1 breakfast)
Superior Room Twin Share	\$342.00 per night (includes 2 breakfast)



Skycity Darwin

Spectacularly set amongst tropical beachside gardens, Skycity is Darwin's premium five star boutique hotel located moments from the CBD. Skycity Darwin is perfect for unwinding with leisure choices in abundance or working in your room with ease. Relax in the pool, laze on the beach and enjoy a game of tennis or golf, then make the most of our 24 hour entertainment choices.

Skycity is just a 10 minute drive from the Convention Centre.

Deluxe King	\$240.00 per night
Deluxe Family	\$240.00 per night
Deluxe King Ocean View	\$270.00 per night

OPTIONAL LEISURE ACTIVITIES Full Day Tours - Pre and Post

Kakadu National Park

\$240.00

Tuesday 22 May or Sunday 27 May

Depart: 0630 - Return: approx 1930

Kakadu National Park is a timeless place – a landscape of exceptional beauty and diversity. Mangrove fringed coastal areas blend into expansive flood plains, lowland hills flanked to the east by sandstone escarpments, all interwoven between various open woodland and forest habitats. Teeming with wildlife in the water, on the land and in the air. Our tour sets off on the Arnhem Highway across the Adelaide River and Marrakai Plains. Stop at Nourlangie Rock, where your Guide will lead a walk to view ancient Aboriginal rock art. After lunch we join our local guide for a cruise on the famous Yellow Water Billabong. Search for saltwater crocodiles and the colourful range of birdlife for which this region is renowned. Visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre and view the informative displays depicting the traditions of the Aboriginal people in Kakadu, before returning to Darwin.

Litchfield National Park

\$135.00

Tuesday 22 May or Sunday 27 May

Depart: 0715 - Return: approx 1800

Litchfield National Park contains several types of typical Top End habitats including lush monsoon forests, termite mounds, unusual rock formations, waterfalls and cascades. The Park encloses much of the spectacular Tabletop Range, which is a wide sandstone plateau mostly surrounded by cliffs. The Park's traditional owners are the Wagait Aboriginal people, many of whom live in the area. We follow the Stuart Highway via the township of Batchelor to Litchfield National Park where we will visit the main falls. First stop is Florence Falls, where you have the opportunity for a scenic and interpretive bush and monsoon vine forest walk. There is also the chance for a swim by making your way down the stairs to the plunge pool below. Travel on to Tolmer Falls for a magnificent view of the water cascading down to the deep waterhole at the base of the falls. Finally we visit Wangi Falls, with its large crystal clear pool, another relaxing spot for a swim. A picnic lunch is included.

Katherine Gorge and Edith Falls

\$209.00

Tuesday 22 May

Depart 0630 - Return: approx 2030

Katherine Gorge is a network of thirteen gorges carved from billion-year-old sandstone country by the Katherine River in Nitmiluk National Park. Aboriginal culture is strong in the area and there are many Aboriginal rock art sites dotted throughout the Park. Leaving Darwin we travel south through tropical country, passing former WWII airstrips en route to Adelaide River. We make a short stop at the Adelaide River War Cemetery, a site dedicated to those killed in the air raids in Darwin in the 1940's. Continue to Edith Falls, where there is time for a refreshing swim in the paperbark and pandanas fringed waterhole beneath the falls (conditions permitting). After your included lunch, we join a 2 hour scenic cruise through Katherine Gorge in Nitmiluk National Park, with a chance to see freshwater crocodiles sunning themselves on the banks of the river and many interesting species of birdlife. Our tour of the first two gorges takes us past sheer rock walls and requires a short walk to reach the second gorge. Enjoy a brief tour of Katherine, the hub of the region's cattle and farming industries.

At Your Own Leisure

Northern Territory Wildlife Park

\$119.00

The Territory Wildlife Park is the Territory's Wildest Wildlife Experience! At the Territory Wildlife Park you see wildlife in their natural habitats. You meet them walking through the tree top aviaries, strolling around a natural lagoon and interact with them when feeding freshwater whipray and barramundi. You stroll beneath the surface in our walk-through aquarium and meet some of the Top End's most amazing aquatic life. You meet nose to nose with our giant saltwater crocodile - it's the closest you'll ever get to a salty without risking a scratch!



Jumping Crocodile Cruise Tour

\$126.00

Cruise the Adelaide River, home to over 1,600 crocodiles. Your guide will entice the crocodiles to leap out of the water on the Jumping Crocodile Cruise. See these prehistoric creatures up close. Continue to the Window on the Wetlands Visitors Centre for views over the Marrakai plains and then on to Fogg Dam Nature Reserve.

Mindil Beach Sunset Market

Thursday 24 or Sunday 27 May

1700 - 2200

Market patrons can enjoy the tastes of five continents, with 60 different food and beverage stalls and over 1200 different menu items. Experience an array of entertainment, grab a massage, book a cruise, browse through fashion, handmade art and craft, including crocodile products, indigenous art and handcrafted jewellery.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Child Care: No arrangements have been made for child care during the conference. Please check with the concierge at your hotel for assistance with babysitting services during your stay.

Conference Dress: Darwin weather May to September is the long period known as the Dry season and is the most popular time of the year with visitors and locals. The humidity is at its lowest and the nights can become relatively cool. Average temperatures range from 19.3 degrees Centigrade to 32.6 degrees Centigrade.

Conference sessions and Evening functions: Smart casual

Goods and Services Tax (GST): For international visitors, a tax refund is not available for goods or services consumed in Australia – and therefore the GST component of conference registration fees, accommodation, tours, etc is not claimable.

Shopping Hours: There are many speciality shops in Darwin. Shops are open from 0830 - 1730, Monday to Friday, 0830 - 1700 on Saturday and from 1200 to 1700 on Sunday. These hours may differ slightly from shop to shop.

Insurance Advice: Registration fees do not include insurance of any kind. It is strongly recommended that at the time you register for the conference and book your travel, you take out an insurance policy of your choice. The policy should include (1) loss of fees/deposit through cancellation of your participation in the conference; (2) loss through cancellation of the conference; (3) loss of international/domestic air fares through cancellation for any reason including force majeure, medical expenses, loss or damage to person or property, additional expenses; and (4) repatriation should travel arrangements have to be altered. The conference secretariat cannot take any responsibility. In the event of industrial disruptions OR for any participant failing to arrange his or her own insurance.

Smoking Policy: No smoking is allowed in restaurants, bars and shopping centres in Darwin.

Venue and Location

The Conference will be held at the Darwin Convention Centre. Looking to the city from the edge of the Arafura Sea, Darwin Convention Centre is the iconic landmark of Australia's tropical harbour city. Its waterfront setting is quite befitting. To the Larrakia, the traditional owners of Darwin, the harbour is a place of connection where they have welcomed visitors for centuries while trading with other indigenous tribes and Southeast Asian neighbours.

A range of nearby accommodation options are available to delegates - see pages 12 & 13 for details.

Please note that all conference and accommodation enquiries should be directed to the secretariat:

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